

THE
WHIGS
Scandalous *Address*
ANSWERED

Stanza by Stanza.

By one who thinks it an Honour to
be called A

HIGHFLYER.

*Fidite, forsan enim Grætas pugnabit ad urbes
Dardanus, & versis lugebit Græcia Fatis.*
Virg.

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P R E F A C E.

AS the pretended Address, we have taken care to answer Stanza by Stanza, has made a very great noise in the World ; so we could not but think it proper to do it in this manner, that those who have been imposed upon by it, may recover themselves from the prejudice they are possessed of, and the World may distinguish Honesty and Loyalty from Discontent and Faction, by taking a View of each in their respective Colours. Not that we have so mean an opinion of the Interest we adhere to as to make it stand in competition with theirs, but make use of their
their

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their lamentable Mutinous Meetre, in order to display the Satisfaction of our own, that acquiesces under the Mildness of an Administration which shews that Righteousness and Mercy have kissed each other. Not unlike the most exquisite Painters (pardon the Comparison) that add to the Liveliness of their Colours by the shades they set 'em off with. A Man of any Judgment might have thought Faction Display'd would have silenced that Inveteracy of Temper that reigns amongst our Malecontents; but while the Press is open, they leave us no room to imagine any such thing can be compass'd. Never did Parliament more study the Good of the People they Represent than the Present; never was our English Constitution better supported than by Them, and never were Prince and People so reciprocally assisted, as Her Present Majesty and We, her Faithful Commons, have been by their
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Wise Deliberations, and we should be guilty of the Highest Ingratitude should we not acknowledge the Benefactions we are indebted for. As for that August Assembly which the House of Peers is compos'd of, with all deference be it spoken, it is not to be imagined that they value themselves upon the Praises of a Person that shews no Value for Parliaments, in derogating from that Authority the House of Commons is invested with: and tho it has been the Nation's Misfortune, that the two Houses have not so concurred with one anothers Resolutions, as to render the last a Session without some Heats and Animosities, yet they have assented to each others Proposal so far, as to forward the Preparations for War, and made such early Provisions for the Good of the Confederates, as may disappoint the united Powers of France and Spain.

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To make an Excuse for our Versification, is altogether needless, since the Reader may furnish himself with Remarks enough upon that which it is written in opposition to, and we shall not add to the Perplexity the Reader may be under on our account, otherwise than to affirm that the Reason of this Publication is grounded on the most Loyal Dispositions and Wishes for the Welfare of our Present Establishment, and the Security of Queen and People from the Insolence of such Authors as our Legionite is, who cries Peace when there is no Peace, and would involve us in Civil Dissentions, in order to obstruct our well-concerted Designs against the Foreign and Domestick Disturbers of it.

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Paragraph by Paragraph.

Address.

Y^E Men of Might and muckle Power,
Our Representing K—s.
Who High-Church Zealots to restore,
And Toleration Acts devour,
Would make us all your Slaves.

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Answer.

Answer.

Ye senseless Mutineering Crew,
That with Rebellion side,
And have no other thing in view,
Than your old Methods to pursue,
And Rule with wonted Pride.

Address.

*You lately told her Majesty,
You would retrieve her Honour ;
'Tis plain you meant it to deceive,
And you'll the Nation's Fault retrieve,
By bringing new ones on her.*

Answer.

Will you still shew your discontent
Even when a Princess Reigns,
Whose most Auspicious Government,
Whose Rightful Title by Descent,
That House you blame maintains ?

Address.

*If you would have us think you're true,
Let actions make it known ?*

The

*The Nation's Happiness pursue,
Her old Miscarriages review,
But don't forget your own.*

Answer.

Read but their Votes, and 'twill appear
There need's not a Reply,
But that their Zeal and early Care,
Their Providence for Peace and War,
Give *Legion's* Rhymes the Lye.

Address.

*Tell us, ye Sons of Emptiness,
Explain this Contradiction ;
How can Contention bring forth Peace,
Or how a Nation have Success,
Without the Law's protection ?*

Answer.

Had they contended not, ye'd lost
The very Rights ye make
So much a Noise of, which you boast
Such Streams of Blood and Treasure cost,
Since all things lay at Stake.

Address.

*You that in Lawyers so abound
 And Men of Elocution ;
 Your M---h, VV---t, and N---y send
 See if they can your Works defend,
 As well as Constitution,*

Answer.

*Both Houses Men of Learning claim,
 And Sentiments profound ;
 But these are undeserving blame,
 Lawyers of unsuspected Fame,
 And Probity Renown'd.*

Address.

*You meet in Clubs and strong Cabals ;
 To Controvert Elections ;
 But Party Interest there prevails,
 Merit and Sense of Honour fails,
 And meets with no protection.*

Answer.

*Look back into a Reign just pass'd,
 And you Cabals will find,*

That

That *Jehu* like drove and made haste,
 To lay those Privileges waste
 Which these have not resign'd.

Address.

*With House of Peers you're wond'rous Nice,
 And of Reputation tender ;
 But they see thro' the thin disguise,
 And where you're foolish, they're as wise,
 And they're our true Defenders.*

Answer.

Peers have their Proper Rights 'tis true,
 And Commoners have their,
 But to give each House what's its due,
 The Representatives of you
 Your sole Defenders are.

Address.

*In Reason, Management, and Law,
 They turn you round and round ;
 No Age such Bubbles ever saw,
 The lines of Justice thwart you draw,
 And all your Plots confound.*

Answer.

Answer.

All Nobles must be Wise of course,
Or else *Scan. Mag.* ensues,
But there are Tongues of equal force
With his that had the Mace and Purse,
And dare that Tongue Accuse.

Address.

With mighty Votes, and furious Bill,
You keep a wretched pothor ;
But M--- manag'd it so ill,
The Cheat came out against your will,
And Sav'd Dissenting Brother.

Answer.

That Bill a Secret has display'd,
That open's all our Eyes,
Homage before we blindly pay'd,
Those B---ps whom we now upbraid,
Disrob'd of their Disguise.

Address.

The Blund'ring Orator Betray'd,
the Snake of Persecution ;

The

*The Trojan As so loudly Bray'd,
It made the Nation all afraid,
In spight of Elocution.*

Answer.

*Mackworth has done what Man could do
In Dame Religion's Cause,
Could H-----x such Reasons shew,
Or S---m---rs learn to blunder so,
He 'd not pervert the Laws.*

Address.

*He told you Places were ingross'd,
In all the wiser Nations,
By those that worship God the most ;
But we have found it to our cost,
'T has here been out of fashion.*

Answer.

*What if God's Worship's out of Date
Within this sinful Nation,
Is that a Reason Church and State
Should not reform, because too late
For just Administration?*

Address

Address.

*For Rogues get into Church and State,
And wise men Circumvent ;
Lewdness directs the Magistrate,
Knaves Rule the Cash, and Fools the Fleet,
And both the P----t.*

Answer.

*If bad Men in High Places are
They'r of your Faction's Growth,
Consider who is the T-----
As for the Fleet take you no Care
You shall not manage both.*

Address.

*With Royal Faith her Majesty
Had back'd the Toleration ;
And you, with English honesty,
Wou'd have her Faith and Vows deny,
And ruin all the Nation,*

Answer.

*Occasional Conformity
Was what that Bill suppress'd ;*

The

The Conscience was at Liberty
And as before acknowledg'd free
To Act as it thought best.

Address.

No wonder you're asham'd oo Print
The Votes of your Proceeding,
The Nation soon knew what you meant;
And that there would be something in't,
That would not bear the reading.

Answer.

The way for Enemies to know
What Enemies are doing,
Is our Debates in Print, to shew
And Arm with Notices the Foe
To bring about our Ruin.

Address.

Of VVilliam's Grants you now complain,
Without regard to Merit,
For the lewd Gifts of former Reigns
To VVhores and Papists, you maintain,
And Bastards may inherit.

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Answer.

Answer.

King James his *Irish* whole Estate
Was not to a Bastard given,
Nor to a Wh---- but Mum for that,
It hits a certain Lady Pat
That makes the Tallies even.

Address.

You Recognize wife N----m,
As one that did his Duty,
And there are other Rogues of Fame,
To whom you ought to do the same,
Because they are so true t' ye.

Answer.

That Nottingham deserv'd their Praise
His Action's all attest ;
Twenty such Rogues as He would raise
Our Fame beyond Queen Bess's Days,
And spread it East and West.

Address.

But here the Mischief of it lyes,
You Character's a Scandal ;

For

*For any Knaves in Church disguise,
And any Fool you like's as wise,
When we're to be Trapan'd all.*

Answer.

*If House of Commons Character
Is Scandalous and Base,
What's a Squab P----- that makes a stir,
And Cocks, and does himself prefer,
Invested with that Grace ?*

*Knaves 'tis well known, were not long since
Had in great Reputation,
And 'twas not held as an Offence
For Fools without a Grain of Sense
To Steer the Helm o'th the Nation.*

Address.

*You are the Men that once Cry'd Down
The Treaty of Partition ;
After the mighty things yhave done,
Pray have you not reduc'd the Crown
Into a worse Condition ?*

*We wou'd be glad you'd make it plain,
And fain we would believe it,*

*When better Terms you'll for us gain,
And how those better Terms maintain,
That we might all perceive it.*

Answer.

*If the Partition League has prov'd
The worst of Evils to us,
And all the smiling Joys remov'd
Of Plenty and of Peace belov'd
Kind Heav'n began to shew us,*

*Then do we but too justly blame
And curse the fatal Hour,
When Whig Advisers to their shame,
Forgetful of the British Name,
Gave Spain to France his Power.*

Address.

*The very day you first began
Dissenters to reform,
Heaven told you 'twou'd be all in vain,
And did its just dislike explain,
In a prodigious Storm.*

Answer.

Answer.

That very Storm did rather rise
And spread its Hideous Blast,
T' awake our Senates to be Wise,
And think on Judgments they despise,
Who out that Bill have Cast.

Address,

*But Heaven those Men corrects in vain,
Who are for Judgments worse ;
Who still their Vices will retain,
Who first the Blessing dare disdain,
And then despise the Curse.*

Answer.

But what is Heavenly Wrath to such
As seek for Earthly Pelf :
Ario stood by his Friends the D---
Nothing could *Sigill's* Conscience touch,
And *Clodio* by himself.

Address.

*In all the Grand Faux-Pa's you make,
Cou'd you be curs'd alone,*

Wou'd

*Wou'd Heaven such proper vengeance take,
We might not suffer for your sake
You were welcome to go on.*

Answer.

*Faction her snaky Locks may shake,
And Curse what she should bless;
Patriots, continue for our sake
The Nightly Daily pains you take,
Good Men your Work confess.*

Address.

*Then you might all your selves undo,
And for the time to come,
Make out this riddle to be true,
How you can foreign Wars pursue,
By raising Feuds at home,*

Answer.

*Tyring your selves you seek to please
And bear the People's Load,
Studying Intestine Feuds t' appease,
(Would others thus consult our Ease)
And make us fear'd abroad.*

Address.

Address.

When you look back on VWilliam's Reign,
 And his Mistakes disclose,
 Of his bad Conduct you complain,
 But if you'd view it o'er again,
 'Twould all your own expose.

Answer.

Not that the Muse would rake within
 The Ashes of the Dead,
 But had King William living been,
 It ne'er would have been thought a Sin
 To say he was misled.

Address.

Tour want of temper to the last,
 Did his Designs Defeat,
 Always too slow, or else too fast,
 Too Backward, or in too much haste,
 Too cold or else too hot,

Answer.

Millions on Millions were laid out
 And Funds succeeded Funds,

Jack

*Jack French-man to subdue and rout,
But how the Matter came about
Monsieur defy'd our Guns.*

Address.

*We wish you would look back upon
The modern things you boast,
The great Exploits your Fleets ha' done,
The Glory gain'd, the Conquest won,
And how much all has cost.*

Answer.

*Let Vigo as a Witness stand
Of Anna's Glorious Reign,
Where we subdu'd united Bands,
When Ormond Conquer'd on the Land,
And Rook upon the Main.*

Address.

*With wonted Courage and Success
Sir R---k invaded Spain,
His wonted Conduct we confess,
And all Men own the Happiness,
That he's come home again.*

Answer.

Answer.

Why *Cales* Descent to nothing came,
 After such vast Expence ?
 Ask those who first contriv'd the Scheme,
 And Hammer'd out a Thought so lame,
 And foreign to good Sense.

Address.

*The Lords have now thrown out your Bill,
 Which moves your indignation ;
 But you betray your want of Skill,
 And manage your Revenge so ill,
 You're the jest of all the Nation.*

Answer.

Never was Bill of greater use
 Than that which out they threw
 It hinder'd National Abuse,
 And Managements vain and profuse,
 Which now escape your View.

Address.

*Your Ancestors, with one consent,
 Complain'd of Lawless Power ;*

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Made

*Made Laws our Bondage to prevent,
And you of those good Deeds repent,
And all those Laws devour,*

Answer.

*Their Ancestors did nothing more
Than these good Men have done,
VVith Shipping they defend our Shore,
VVith Armies they will Peace restore,
And finish VVars begun.*

Address.

*You are the first that e're apply'd,
T'exalt the Encroaching Crown,
As if you did not knew that pride,
When mounted up, and ask'd to ride,
VVou'd pull Religion down.*

Answer.

*Prerogatives if once made less
VVill dwindle in Nought,
And can a Queen whom ye profess
To love so much, een to Excess,
Have Arbitrary Thoughts.*

Address.

Address.

Your Strange Unparallell'd Address

*No less affronts the Queen,
Prompts her the lawful Power t' abuse,
Tells her she holds the Reins too loose,
And knows not how to Reign.*

Answer.

*If e're Address shew'd Subjects Hearts
Upon a Prince reply'd,
This of the Commoners imparts
What is not in the Power of Arts
To render misapply'd*

Address.

*Did ever House of K---- but you
Like this betray the Nation,
Is this our Freedom to pursue,
Pray what's Prerogative to you,
In representing Station?*

Answer.

*If those are Knaves that Good have done,
And Monarchy secure*

What Names do they deserve, that own
No Right successive to the Throne,
And Monarchs can't endure.

Address.

*Your business is, as all Men know,
Our Grievance to redress,
Supply the Crown, Support it too,
But not to prompt, the Lord knows who,
The People to Oppress,*

Answer.

Our Grievances they have redress'd
And wholesome Laws have made,
Though some have their Distaste express'd
By flinging out the very best,
And God's own Cause betray'd.

Address.

*In former Times, when Tyrants Reign'd,
Your Treatments were too rough,
But if you'd have your Sense Explain'd,
You give the Queen to understand,
She's not Severe enough.*

Answer.

Answer.

Rough as they were in former Times,
You'd have them Rougher be,
And add to our Forefathers Crimes
By blending with detested Rhimes,
Justice and Tyranny.

Address.

*Is this the blessed way you take
Our Freedoms to defend,
To force the Queen her Vows to Break,
And all her soft Resolves forsake,
And absolute Power extend?*

Answer.

Had Charles the Martyr took this Way
By granting no Concession,
He ne'er had fall'n Rebellion's Prey,
Or been a Victim on that Day
That vilifies the Nation.

Address.

*This Nation has had Kings enough,
That rul'd with Power Despotick,*

Who

*Who of Tyrannick Arts made proof,
And us'd the Nation much too rough,
By Means and Ways Exotic.*

Answer.

*Kings we have had, and still will have
In spight of Faction's Spirits;
Tho' Heav'n has not thought fit to save
The Pledge which it to Anna gave,
Because of our Demerits.*

Address.

*At these you always snarl'd, and show'd
Your discontented Spirit,
And now you wou'd be understood,
Because you have a Queen too good,
You know not how to bear it.*

Answer.

*Ye are the Scoundrels that have rail'd
Against the Stuarts Race,
Have the Prerogative assail'd,
As strength of Impudence prevail'd
Above the force of Grace.*

Address.

Address.

*With humble Cant, and lowly Speech,
How you besiege her Throne,
Tell her she is too mild, by Mich,
That she must whip the Nation's B---b,
And make her Power be known.*

Answer.

*And if they do must humbly sue
And Majesty request,
To give the Regal Throne its due,
And Guard it against such as you,
Their Duties they've express'd.*

Address.

*Have Patience, till by Management
You bring your King from France ;]
'Tis plain, the scope of your intent
Is there, or else the Devil's in't,
And you're all mad by chance.*

Answer.

*Nor Kings from France do they expect,
Nor French Prescriptions take,*

And

And it is not by their neglect,
 Lewis is not already check'd
 And forc'd a Peace to make.

Address.

*When your young Hero mounts the Throne,
 You'll quickly have a proof,
 He'll quickly make the difference known,
 And take just care to have it shown,
 He'll Tyrannize enough.*

Answer.

By the Succession they have stood
 As it is fix'd by Laws,
 And are resolv'd to make it good,
 Fearless of losing Life or Blood
 In Dame *Britannia's* Cause.

Address.

*What pity 'tis you shou'd be Fool'd,
 And bauk'd in your Petition,
 They who with Scorpions will be rul'd,
 And they who will be ruin'd should,
 And moock'd in their submission,*

Answer.

Answer.

If their just Rights to Exercise,
Turns Scepters into Stings,
Thus they should always Tyrannize,
If they Prerogative would prize,
And would be real Kings.

Address.

If e're Tyrannick Powers possess,
And Re-reduce the Nation,
They'l bear their date from this Adress,
And you'll too late your Crimes confess,
But merit no Compassion.

Answer.

Th' Address you speak of was so just,
Made to so good a Queen,
It Pamper'd not Tyrannick Lust,
But with her own the Queen did trust,
That's all that it did mean.

Address.

Now you fall foul upon the Press,
And talk of Regulation ;

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*When you our Libelling suppress,
Pray Drop your Votes among the rest,
For they Lampoon the Nation.*

Answer.

*The Press of late Seditious made,
By Factious Pens maintain'd,
Was justly for a Grievance laid
Before the Members you upbraid,
And should have been restrain'd.*

Address.

*You are the Monkeys of the State,
And Ape our true Defenders,
Heaven Guard us from the hasty Fate,
Which wise men look for from the Cheat,
Of all such vile Pretenders,*

Answer.

*Ape whom they will, you'll never find
They'll Ape such Knaves as you;
They our Defenders are design'd,
And Gratitude our Souls does bind,
To thank 'em for what they do.*

Address.

Address.

*You are the Nation's True Lampoon,
 In Banter be it spoken,
 If you wou'd save us, 'Tis too Soon,
 And 'tis too late to be undone,
 Because our Eyes are open,*

Answer.

Long since, but for their Care and Zeal,
 Their well advis'd Debates,
 We'd dwindled to a Common Weal,
 And should five Hundred Tyrants feel,
 Which Lawless Power creates.

Address.

*And now you stand in Peers Records,
 Usurpers of the Nation,
 No men regard your forfeit words,
 The Nation's Eyes are on the Lords,
 And there's our Expectation.*

Answer.

Where'er their Actions are set down,
 'Tis Monumental Praise,

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To

To stand up to support the Crown,
And will acquire their Votes Renown
In all succeeding Days.

Address.

Your G---s, VV---s, R---s shall there
Their due Deserts Encounter,
And in due time Vile R---r
And N---m may both appear
To give a Black account there.

Answer.

Grant they may have their due Deserts,
Then all these Peers will be
Possess'd of all our Votes and Hearts,
The Love that Loyalty imparts,
And form the Ministry.

Address.

Assure your selves, the Nation will
The House of Lords defend,
You've lost your Interest and your Skill,
And never will regain it, 'till
Your Manners come to mend.

Answer.

Answer.

Nor will we fear to lose our Lives
Upon a fit Occasion,
To stand b' our Queen's Prerogatives,
And Loyal Representatives,
Who thus adorn the Nation

Address.

*That you betray the People's Trust.
The Nation knows 'tis true,
Are Arbitrary and Unjust,
And if we will be sav'd, we must
Find other men than You,*

Answer.

Can they betray us that assert
Our Rights and Liberties?
Or can they wrong us that take part
With us against a Faction's Art,
The Land would disfranchise ?

Address.

*And now you Cavil with the Lords.
Because they first reprov'd you ;*

Your

*Tour Manners just remarks affords
But most of all your Decent Words,
Have R---s and S---s prov'd you.*

Answer.

*Cavil they know not, but if Sense
And Strength of Nervous thought,
Can well be said to give Offence,
They their ill manners date from thence,
And own they are in fault.*

Address.

*Go home, for shame ; But first the Queen
Address for Dissolution,
No more in that high House be seen,
Where such a Scandal you have been.
To the English Constitution.*

Answer.

*No, they shall up again be sent
That have our Champions been,
And the good People represent ;
Since none but such a Parliament,
Is worthy such a Queen.*

F I N I S.